

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

November 19, 1998

MINUTES

The Board of Education and the Board of Vocational Education met for the regular business meeting in Senate Room B of the General Assembly Building in Richmond, Virginia, on Thursday, November 19, 1998 with the following members present:

Mr. Kirk T. Schroder, President
Senator J. Brandon Bell, Vice President
Mrs. Jennifer C. Byler
Mr. Mark C. Christie
Mrs. Susan T. Noble

Mr. Robert H. Patterson, Jr.
Mrs. Ruby W. Rogers
Senator John W. Russell
Mrs. Lil Tuttle

Mr. Paul D. Stapleton, Secretary and
Superintendent of Public Instruction

Mr. Schroder, president, presided and called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Senator Russell gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Christie said that the following statement should be added to clarify a motion made during discussion of agenda item, *First Review of Proposed Language for Procedures for Defining Criteria for Board of Education Seals on Diplomas*: Mr. Christie made a motion to amend the proposed language to clarify that the courses were optional and not mandatory.

Mrs. Byler made a motion for approval of the October 8 and October 28-30 meetings as corrected. Copies of the minutes had been distributed previously to all members of the Board for review. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rogers and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was made by Mrs. Byler, seconded by Mrs. Noble, and carried unanimously for approval of the agenda.

DISCUSSION OF CURRENT ISSUES

There was no discussion on current issues.

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was made by Senator Russell, seconded by Mrs. Noble, and carried unanimously for approval of the consent agenda.

- ' Final Review of Recommendations Concerning Applications for Literary Fund Loans
- ' Final Review of Recommendations Concerning Release of Literary Fund Loans for Placement on Waiting List
- ' Final Review of Financial Report on Literary Fund
- ' Annual Report on the Status of the Student Tuition Guaranty Fund for Proprietary Schools
- ' First Review: Request to File Pre-NOIRA and NOIRA to Revise Regulations Governing Pupil Transportation@ - 8 VAC 20-70

Final Review of Recommendations Concerning Applications for Literary Fund Loans

The Department of Education's recommendation for approval of nine new applications in the amount of \$26,086,391 subject to review and approval by the office of the Attorney General, pursuant to Section 22.1-156, Code of Virginia, was accepted by the Board of Education's vote on the consent agenda.

COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWN	SCHOOL	AMOUNT
Petersburg City	Vernon Johns School	7,500,000.00
Washington County	John Battle High	1,172,618.00
Washington County	Abingdon High	1,001,149.00
Washington County	Patrick Henry High	636,000.00
Washington County	Holston High	530,000.00
Washington County	Washington Co. Tech Center	189,638.00
Washington County	High Point Elementary	56,986.00

Bedford County	Forest Elementary	7,500,000.00
Bedford County	Stewartsville Elementary	7,500,000.00
	TOTAL	\$26,086,391.00

Final Review of Recommendations Concerning Release of Literary Fund Loans for Placement on Waiting List

The Department of Education recommends the following:

- ‘ That funds be released for ten projects in the amount of \$13,000,000.

COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWN	SCHOOL	AMOUNT
Prince William County	New Middle Co. Middle	5,000,000.00
Patrick County	Blue Ridge Elementary	121,000.00
Patrick County	Hardin Reynolds Elementary	242,000.00
Patrick County	Meadows of Dan Elementary	178,000.00
Patrick County	Patrick Spring Elementary	262,000.00
Patrick County	Stuart Elementary	109,000.00
Patrick County	Woolwin Elementary	245,000.00
Bedford County	Bedford Middle	1,500,000.00
Roanoke County	Bonsack Area Elementary	5,000,000.00
	TOTAL	\$13,000,000.00

- ‘ That funding for nine projects in the amount of \$26,086,391 be deferred and projects be placed on the First Priority Waiting List.

First Priority Waiting List

COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWN	SCHOOL	AMOUNT
Petersburg City	Vernon Johns School	7,500,000.00
Washington County	John Battle High	1,172,618.00

Washington County	Abingdon High	1,001,149.00
Washington County	Patrick Henry High	636,000.00
Washington County	Holston High	530,000.00
Washington County	Washington Co. Tech Center	189,638.00
Washington County	High Point Elementary	56,986.00
Bedford County	Forest Elementary	7,500,000.00
Bedford County	Stewartsville Elementary	7,500,000.00
TOTAL		\$26,086,391.00

- That the projects listed below be deleted from the Approved Application List in accordance with Section 4.3 of the Literary Fund Regulations. Affected school divisions were notified in November 1997, that these applications would be removed in November 1998, if they did not take the actions necessary to be placed on a Priority Waiting List.

COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWN	SCHOOL	AMOUNT	DATE OF APPROVAL BY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brunswick County	Brunswick Senior High	2,500,000.00	6/24/92
Brunswick County	Brunswick Senior High	2,500,000.00	6/24/92
Cumberland County	Cumberland Vo-Tech Center	300,000.00	3/25/93
Prince George County	J. E. Moore Jr. High	60,000.00	10/15/90
Prince George County	N. B. Clements, Jr. High	90,000.00	10/25/90
Roanoke County	Glenvar High	2,500,000.00	10/30/91
Roanoke County	Back Creek Elementary	600,000.00	10/30/91
Roanoke County	Cave Spring High	2,500,000.00	10/30/91
Roanoke County	Cave Spring Elementary	800,000.00	10/30/91

Final Review of Financial Report on Literary Fund

The Department of Education's recommendation to approve the financial report on the status of the Literary Fund as of September 30, 1998, was accepted by the Board of Education's vote on the consent agenda.

Annual Report on the Status of the Student Tuition Guaranty Fund for Proprietary Schools

The Department of Education's recommendation to receive the annual report on the Student Tuition Guaranty Fund for Proprietary Schools, was accepted by the Board of Education's vote on the consent agenda.

First Review: Request to File Pre-NOIRA and NOIRA to Revise Regulations Governing Pupil Transportation - 8 VAC 20-70

The Department of Education's recommendation to waive first review and authorize the Department to file the Pre-NOIRA and the NOIRA, was accepted by the Board of Education's vote on the consent agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following person spoke during the public comment period:

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RESOLUTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Resolutions were presented to the following:

- ' Hanover County Public Schools Drum Majors:
Patrick Henry High School Band - Scott Ford and Mary Beth Colville
Lee-Davis High School Band - Laurie Ponder and Jennifer Uerz
Atlee High School Band - Adam Vogel and Ryan Nuttle
- ' Hampton City Schools International Baccalaureate Primary Years
Program at Paul D. Burbank Elementary School

First Review of the Board of Education's Annual Report

Section 22 1-18 of the Code of Virginia requires the Board of Education to provide to the members of the General Assembly a report on the Status of Public Education in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Dr. James Laws, Executive to the Board of Education, gave an overview of items that will be included in the report. Mrs. Byler indicated that she had several editorial suggestions for the report. Mr. Schroder appointed Mrs. Byler to work on a proposed draft of the report for presentation to Board members at the January meeting.

Report on House Joint Resolution Number 117 - One Year Internship for First Year Teachers

The 1998 General Assembly approved House Joint Resolution #117 requesting the Board of Education to study the feasibility of implementing a one-year internship during the first year of teaching following the completion of a teacher education program. In response to the requirement that the Board conduct its study in collaboration with professional organizations involved in teacher education, a task force was convened. The task force concluded that a statewide teacher induction program would be feasible to support the approximately 4000 new teachers employed annually in Virginia.

The task force concluded that a statewide teacher induction program was not only feasible, but a necessity as Virginia moves further into its reform programs for students. Recommendations as a result of the study included the following: (1) expand the task force and allow its members and Department of Education staff the 1999-2000 school year to continue its work; (2) pilot a teacher induction program in each of the eight superintendent study regions during the 2000-2001 school year; and (3) implement a teacher induction program statewide during the 2001-2002 school year for newly-employed teachers. The report was presented to Board members by Dr. Thomas Elliott, Assistant Superintendent, Teacher Education and Licensure and Mrs. Byrd Latham, Teacher Education Specialist, Department of Education.

Mrs. Noble made a motion to receive the report and approve for submission to the General Assembly. The motion was seconded by Senator Russell and carried unanimously.

First Review of Appointments to the Proprietary Schools Guaranty Fund Advisory Committee

The *Regulations Governing the Operation of Proprietary Schools and Issuing of Agent Permits*, 8 VAC 20-350-490, adopted by the Board of Education (1970, 1994), stipulates that the Board shall appoint a five-member Proprietary Schools Guaranty Fund Advisory Committee to make recommendations regarding The Student Tuition Guaranty Fund. Due to the recent completion of terms, there are two vacancies on the committee. One vacancy is for a school-related member and the other for a non-school affiliated individual. Both members will serve two-year terms beginning January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2001. This agenda item was presented by Mr. Charles Finley, Director of Accreditation, and Mrs. Carol Buchanan, Specialist, Proprietary Schools.

Senator Russell made a motion to waive first review and appoint two members to the advisory committee as recommended by the Department of Education. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rogers and carried unanimously.

Review of Proposed Regulations Governing the Operation of Proprietary Schools and Issuing of Agent Permits

The *Regulations Governing the Operation of Proprietary Schools and Issuing of Agent Permits*, 8 VAC 20-350-10, were originally adopted by the Virginia Board of Education in 1970. The regulations were last amended to have an effective date of March 9, 1994. These regulations are necessary to provide the basis upon which private postsecondary career schools and private day schools for students with disabilities could be established and operate within the Commonwealth. The agenda item was presented by Mr. Charles Finley, Director of Accreditation, Mrs. Carol Buchanan, Specialist, Proprietary School and Mrs. Carolyn Hodgins, Specialist, Private Special Education Day School.

Senator Russell made a motion to receive the proposed regulations and release them for public comment. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Noble and carried unanimously.

First Review of HJR 200, Governor=s School for Agriculture

The 1998 General Assembly Session approved House Joint Resolution 200 requesting the Board of Education to study the feasibility and appropriateness of establishing a Governor=s School for Agriculture. The proposed program is to focus on agricultural studies, agriculture and science technologies, business management, forestry, horticulture and agriculture related industries. In conducting the study, the Board was asked to consider the following major issues: (1) the need for specific agricultural, technical, and professional training and programs and the types of curricula such a Governor=s School should offer; (2) the location, governance, and funding of such a school; (3) creative methods of incorporating the education and experience of farming, forestry, business, horticulture, and other agriculture-related industries and other experts in the delivery of instruction; (4) similar regional or special schools in other states; and (5) other issues as it deems appropriate. The agenda item was presented by Dr. Glenn Anderson, Specialist, Agricultural Education and assisted by Dr. Janie Craig, Specialist, Governor=s Schools.

Mr. Patterson made a motion to allow the president to appoint a committee with authorization to receive and give final approval before the report is sent to the General Assembly. The motion was seconded by Mr. Christie and carried unanimously. Mr. Schroder appointed Mrs. Rogers to chair the committee. Mrs. Byler and Mr. Schroder will also work on the committee with Mrs. Rogers.

Mr. Stapleton announced that Dr. Janie Craig plans to retire as of December 1, 1998. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Schroder stated that the Board appreciates the outstanding job Dr. Craig has done while working with Governor=s Schools in the state.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Senator Bell made a motion to go into executive session under *Virginia Code* section 2.1-344 A1 specifically to discuss personnel matters related to licensure. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Byler and carried unanimously. The Board adjourned for Executive Session at 10:20 a.m.

Senator Bell made a motion that the Board reconvene in open session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Byler and carried unanimously. The Board reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

Senator Bell made a motion that the Board certify by roll call vote that to the best of each members knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive session to which this certification motion applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive session were heard, discussed or considered by the Board. The motion was seconded by Senator Russell and carried unanimously.

Board Roll Call:

Mrs. Rogers - Aye	Senator Bell - Aye
Mrs. Byler - Aye	Senator Russell - Aye
Mr. Patterson - Aye	Susan Noble - Aye
Mr. Schroder - Aye	

Mrs. Tuttle and Mr. Christie were not available to vote.

Senator Bell made the following motion: Mr. President, I move that the Board of Education take the following actions relative to the licensure cases presented during the executive session:

- ' Case # 1, that the Board of Education defer action on the application pending completion of conditions which the Department will communicate to the applicant. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Byler and carried unanimously.
- ' Case #2, that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent's Investigative Panel to issue a teaching license upon completion of all Virginia requirements for licensure. The motion was seconded by Senator Russell and carried unanimously.
- ' Case #3, that the Board of Education continue the teachers license, provided the applicant continues to meet all licensure requirements. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Noble and carried unanimously.
- ' Case #4, that the Board of Education approve the issuance of a five-year renewal license, provided the applicant has completed all licensure requirements in Virginia. The motion was seconded by Senator Russell and carried unanimously.
- ' Case #5, that the Board of Education support the recommendation of the local school board and the division superintendent. The motion was seconded by Senator

Russell and carried unanimously.

- ' Case #6, that the Board of Education support the recommendation of the local school board and the division superintendent. The motion was seconded by Senator Russell and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Schroder adjourned the meeting of the Virginia Board of Education and the Board of Vocational Education at 11:55 a.m.

President

Secretary of the Board